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PRIMERS FOR AMPLIFYING HSP 65 GENE OF MYCOBACTERIAL

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MYCOBACTERIAL SPECIES WITH SAME

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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (37 C.F.R. § 43.31)

Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated June 23, 2009, rejecting the following Claims 5 and 8-15. The fee for this Notice of Appeal under 37 CFR § 41.20(b)(1) is enclosed.

□ Applicant claims small entity Status.

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A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed.

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